

**Question for written answer E-003321/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: EIGE and its resourcing in terms of violence against women

According to a presentation by Edit Bauer, a representative of the Experts' Forum of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE), figures on violence against women are available in the CULT Committee only up to 2012.

1. In the Commission's view, why are there no data from 2012 onwards?
2. Can the Commission explain why there is a higher instance of violence against women in Sweden than in countries in the Balkans, particularly since Sweden is regarded as one of the frontrunners in gender equality?
3. What action is the Commission currently taking to support the Member States in the needs-based fight against violence against women with regard to the problem areas mentioned in question 2 in order to counter country- or region-specific violence against women?